

CHATTERIS,  
CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

May, 28. 1897.

Dear Sir -

Dr Farrer who was M. O. H.

for this town died on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>  
of last year and consequently  
made no annual report.

As his successor I need  
a brief one on the year 1896  
a copy of which I shall be  
glad to forward to you if desired.

Yours faithfully  
Thos. Daniel. M.D.

CHARTER  
CAMBRIDGE

CHATTERIS,  
CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

With my Compliments.

Robert Darnley - Esq.

June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1897.





Chatteris

March 1<sup>st</sup> 1898

W<sup>t</sup> Chairman & Gentlemen

I beg to submit to your notice my Annual Report upon the health of the Chatteris Urban District, & with it herewith enclose you Tables A & B, as directed by the Local Government Board. The mortality during the past year has been a high one there having been no less than 104 deaths, which estimating the population at 4587 gives a death rate of 22.4 per 1000 - In a report of mine some time since I gave some cogent reasons for this large death rate viz the prevalence of Influenza during the 1<sup>st</sup> third of the year and its consequent effects in causing deaths in those very old or very young and secondly its effects on those previously affected by lung or heart trouble.

That this assumption is more than probable lies in the fact that 27 deaths occurred in those over 40 years of age, 11 in those over 60, 21 at 1 year or under, & 12 at 10 years or under - in fact at those ages when resistance to disease is at its lowest. That 18 deaths occurred from Bronchitis & 8 from Heart Disease is in some measure corroboration of my second contention.

134 Births have been recorded during the year of which 64 were males - This gives a birth rate which varies little from that of previous years.

I have in a former report commented on the enormous amount of Infectious Disease notified during the past year - no less than 86 Cases have been brought







to my notice of which number 5 died. This phenomenal number, without, be it understood any epidemic, & the very small mortality in relation thereto, constitutes, I believe a condition of affairs, hitherto unknown in the town, and places Chatteris in a position quite unique amongst all towns of its size throughout the Kingdom besides offering a problem of somewhat unusual scientific interest.

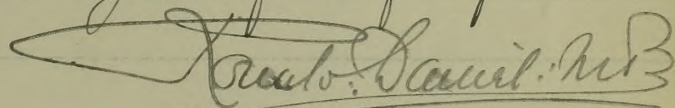
I have during the year at your request written special reports on (a) The sewerage of the town and (b) The water supply, so that the opinions expressed on those matters do not require any reiteration on my part.

I have visited all nuisances reported to me and advised as to the several remedial measures needed. I have also made independent observations on many matters lying within the duties of my office, in relation to which however I have nothing of importance to bring to your notice.

I beg to remain

Yr Chairman & Gentlemen

Yours faithfully

 Jacobus Samuel R. B.

Med. Off. of Health.



Juli: Maeth  
Report

Chatteris, U. D.

for 1897.

---